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1. The usual search was conducted [redacted] at Gdynia and [redacted] as well, although I noted the searching party was smaller than before, the search less thorough, and crew members were permitted to remain in their living quarters during the search. [redacted] the east portion of which was collapsed and not usable, but no repair work seemed to be in progress. [redacted] several track-riding cranes of about five-ton capacity under construction on Polish Quay, and a floating crane of about 75-ton capacity is presently located in the southwest portion of Wojenny Basin #2. [redacted] a floating drydock of about 500-ton capacity in the northwest portion of Wojenny Basin #2 and a five-ton track-riding crane on French Quay.
2. [redacted] one light cruiser-type ship tied up to the East pier of Wojenny Basin #2, with a tripod mast and no visible radar antennae which [redacted] on its conning tower underway from Wojenny Basin #2 to Basin #6 and was of the opinion that it was proceeding there for repairs, since appearances indicate that ship construction and repair facilities are located in that area. [redacted] in Gdynia and one Polish ship loading steel products at Polish Quay. I heard that small Polish merchant ships bring to Gdynia cargoes of steel products which are subsequently loaded on large Polish merchant vessels for ultimate delivery to Communist China and India.
3. [redacted] construction in progress in the vicinity of the Naval Base north of the outer harbor, and excavation work on the hills in the neighborhood of the hospital at Okaywie. [redacted] there are shore batteries in the vicinity of Okaywie and on the hill located just north of Ksmenna Gorr, and although I do not know their number and caliber, I believe they may be of dual purpose construction.

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4. [redacted] about six ships 10 miles northeast of Bornholm Island on a heading towards Ireland [redacted]

The characteristics of these ships were as follows:

- (a) One ship had a heavy cage mast, large single stack, double break in the deck aft of the forecastle, rounded stern, two gun housings, one forward and one aft.
- (b) Two appeared to be DE-type with very small superstructure, and two enclosed gun mounts, one forward and one aft.
- (c) Three were small ships with trawler hulls, large superstructure and no armament. [redacted] any flags or ensigns.

[redacted] five or six trawler or minesweeper-type vessels steaming in column formation on a northwesterly heading close to the coast and well inside the Medrick line. [redacted] any of these ships with those illustrated in Navy Sighting Guides. Polish port authorities instructed me to stay well outside the old Medrick line while steaming off Polish coasts.

5. While ashore in the city of Gdynia [redacted] there was a general feeling of happiness at Stalin's death, and some of the population expressed the opinion that though the situation would not necessarily improve at least a change could be expected. Local authorities were extremely strict with regard to carrying foreign or local currency ashore. [redacted] Gdynia after dark an extremely dangerous area for foreign seamen, since knifings and assaults on them are commonplace.

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